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We're writing to add our voice in the outcry against the Justice Department's antitrust suit settlement for Microsoft.

Fortunately, our Utah attorney general is willing to reject the settlement, though it jeopardizes his promise for re-election. As usual, it appears that people are voting with either their wallets or along party lines. It's disappointing that people are obviously losing the clear perspective on this issue, due to the financial benefits which some can gain in this, or due to the assumption that to defy Microsoft is somehow at odds with the Republican philosophy of supporting big business.

This is a clear case of a company conducting bad business, and it should be punished accordingly.

Microsoft has shown repeatedly that it is determined to use its substantial monopoly to take over countless sectors in the business world. This is a situation that is not healthy for our economy, especially at a time when so many companies are barely making it anyway. We are in an environment where only the very strong and very established can survive. Such an environment does not encourage new ideas and new companies--something our economy needs so desperately at this time.

We support politicians and lawmakers who vote to uphold the laws and principles which enable free enterprise to thrive.

-- Alan and Tamara Murray